Vacancies of regular Principals in Navodaya Vidyalayas

671. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that regular posts of principals are lying vacant in Navodaya Vidyalayas since long; and

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant and by when appointments would be made on these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 156 posts of Principals out of 491 posts sanctioned are vacant. Action has been initiated to fill up these posts in the ensuing academic session.

Utilization of education cess

672. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the education cess amount received so far;

(b) the details of utilization of this amount for the purpose of education scheme-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether this amount would be utilized for eradicating illiteracy;

(d) if so, the details of the educational schemes proposed to be launched exclusively for eradicating illiteracy out of this amount; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not utilizing the amount on a massive scale for eradicating illiteracy which is vital for strengthening the Democracy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) The revised estimate for 2004-05 for receipts on account of Education Cess is Rs. 5010 crore as reflected in the Receipts Budget 2005-06 of the Ministry of Finance.

(b) After imposition of Education Cess through the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2004, additional allocations of Rs. 2000 crore and Rs. 1232 crore have been provided for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Schemes respectively through first Supplementary Estimates 2004-05. Statements showing the grants released to various States under